

Rice's Gas Station Complex - Log House  
Kimmerly Lots  
Avon Vicinity  
Powell County  
Montana

HABS No. MT-78-B

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 27, Township 10 North,  
Range 8 West, Avon, Montana

Present Owner: Heirs of Sandy and Olive Mae Reirson

Present Occupant  
and Use: Abandoned

Statement of  
Significance:

The gas station and motel are examples of 1930s filling station and automobile-related commercial lodging facilities made popular with new highway construction and increased automobile use at the time. The buildings vernacular architecture is punctuated with a few elements of the Spanish architectural style, including stucco finish, a wood door with two arched windows in the motel, and a parapet wall on the gas station. The buildings are examples of increasingly less common structures related to early automobile travel in Montana.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The log house that stands 2 feet east of the gas station is a 23' x 24', one and one-half story structure with gable roof, composition shingles, and concrete foundation. The wall logs are peeled with square or lap notching, and chinked with concrete. The roof has slightly extending eaves with exposed rafters. The two front windows that are situated on either side of the center doorway are single pane fixed with split log trim. The four windows on the east side also have split log trim; two are fixed like those in front, and two are wood-frame, double-hung, 1/1. The front door is horizontal wood panel with a diamond-shaped window. A small gable roof canopy with asphalt shingles and diagonal support braces is located above the doorway. Another door faces west or toward the side of the gas station. There is also a door on the south facade of the residence right of center. A shed roof was constructed above that door; that roof extends over the roof of the motel. Also, at the back of the building, there is a small window far left of center and a double-hung window in the gable dormer.

The house is in good condition, although the roof appears to have sagged slightly over the ridge pole. The windows were recently boarded over. have been torn from their hinges.

PART III. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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